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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION – BERGEN COUNTY DOCKET MASTER DOCKET NO. BER-L-11575-14

INDIVIDUAL DOCKET NO. BER-L-005465-15

CIVIL ACTION In Re Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Litigation, Case No. 291

ORDER REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL, MAINTENANCE OF CLAIMS AND POTENTIAL DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT

MARGARET A. VIALPANDO,

Plaintiff,

VS

ETHICON, INC., ETHICON WOMEN'S HEALTH AND UROLOGY, a Division of Ethicon, Inc., GYNECARE, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, AND JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court by Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC attorneys for Plaintiff, to be relieved as counsel, and the court having considered the matter and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this *Harday* of June 2025, **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. James D. Barger, Esq. and Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz, PLLC, are hereby relieved as counsel for Plaintiff subject to the additional provisions of this Order.
- 2. Counsel for Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order on Plaintiff at the following last known address:

Mr. Jason Salas, next of kin to Margaret A. Vialpando (deceased) 13254 E. 109th Avenue Commerce City, CO 80022

and upon counsel for Defendants, and shall submit via JEDS a Certification of such service

within 10 days of the date of this Order.

3. Plaintiff shall have 40 days from the date of this Order to notify the Court in writing that

she either has new counsel or intends to prosecute the case pro se (without an attorney).

The writing shall be addressed to:

The Honorable Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C. Superior Court of New Jersey Bergen County Courthouse – 3rd Floor Rotunda 10 Main Street Hackensack, NJ 07601

And the written notice must be received by the Court within the 40-day window period.

4. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to counsel for the Defendants at:

Kelly Crawford, Esq. Riker Danzig, LLP 7 Giralda Farms, Suite 250 Madison, NJ 07940-1051

- 5. If the Court does not receive the notice within the 40-day period, the Complaint will be deemed dismissed without prejudice as to all defendants. Counsel for the Defendants may submit a proposed Order to that effect without further notice to the Plaintiff.
- 6. If Plaintiff's Complaint is dismissed without prejudice under the terms of this order, plaintiff may move to reinstate the complaint within 60 days from the date of the order dismissing without prejudice. If no motion to reinstate is filed by that date, then counsel

for Defendant may submit an Order to convert the dismissal to a dismissal with prejudice,

without further notice to the plaintiff.

The Court DIRECTS the Clerk to file a copy of this order on the docket.

Hon. Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C.

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM AND ENTRY:

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